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PASS LABOR FOR HOROWITZ AND HOLMES

IO FOR TOUSSAINT AND WHILDEN

SIL FOR DALE GOOD

EUR FOR DAN GOOTT

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TAGS: LAB, ILO  
SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS, MARCH 5-6, 1977

1. SUBJECT CONFERENCE, LIKE ITS PREDECESSORS (FEB.  
1975 AND JANUARY 1974) WAS HELD NOT UNDER ILO AUSPICES  
BUT AS A PRIVATE INVITATIONAL MEETING CONVOKED BY  
THE FOUR EUROPEAN WORKER MEMBERS OF THE ILO GOVERNING  
BODY AND HELD AT THE ILO. PARTICIPANTS ARE LISTED IN  
PARA TWO BELOW, AND THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE CONFERENCE

COMMUNIQUE IS IN PARA THREE. THE IMPRESSIONS OF JOSE AGUIRIANO, WHO IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE WORKERS GROUP OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE CONFERENCE, ARE IN PARAS 4-8 BELOW (AGUIRIANO IS THE ICFTU REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA). THE TWO CONFERENCE PAPERS HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO DALE GOOD (SIL) AND TO GERRY HOLMES (DOL/ILAB). END SUMMARY

2. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: BEGIN TEXT

REUNION DES CENTRALES SYNDICALES EUROPEENES  
(GENEVE, LES 5 ET 6 MARS 1977)

PRESIDENCE:

MEMBRES EUROPEENS TRAVAILLEURS DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION  
DU BIT  
G. MUHR, P. PIMENOV, C.T.H. PLANT, O. SUNDE

SECRETAIRE DU GROUPE DES TRAVAILLEURS DU CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION  
DU BIT  
J.A. AGUIRIANO

LISTE DES DELEGUES

ALLEMAGNE, REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE D'  
FREIR DEUTSCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND, BERLIN  
HARRY TISCH, WOLFGANG BEYREUTHER, HEINZ NEUKRANTS, HEINS FRANKE,  
DIETER BEHN  
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ALLEMAGNE, REPUBLIQUE FEDERALE D'  
DEUTSCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND, DUSSELDORF  
HEINZ O. VETTER, ALOIS PFEIFFER, MARIA WEBER, ERWIN KRISTOFFERSEN,  
REINHOLD KONSTANTY

AUTRICHE  
OSTERREICHISCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND, WIEN  
ANTON BENYA, ALFRED STROER, KURT PROKOP, KARL HUMMEL

BELGIQUE  
FEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL DE BELGIQUE, BRUXELLES  
A. DELOURME, A. THYRE

CONFEDERATION DES SYNDICATS CHRETEINS, BRUXELLES  
GUILLAUME SAUVAGE

BULGARIE  
CONSEIL CENTRAL DES SYNDICATS BULGARES  
MICHO MICHEV, TCHAVDAR BEYAZOV, IVAN KRASTANOV

CHYPRE  
CYPRUS TURKISH TRADE UNIONS FEDERATION, NICOSIA  
NECATI C. TASKIN

CYPRUS WORKERS' CONFEDERATION, NICOSIA  
M. IOANNOU

PANCYPRIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR, NICOSIA  
PAVLOS DINGLIS

DANEMARK  
FAELLESRADET FOR DANSKE TJENESTEMANDS OG, COPENHAGEN  
JENS CHRISTENSEN

ESPAGNE  
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UNION SINDICAL OBRERA, MADRID  
JOSE MARIA ZUIFIAUR, RAIMON CASTILLO

CONFEDERACION SINDICAL DE CCOO  
MARCELINO CAMACHO, CARLOS ELVIRA

UNION GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES  
MANUEL VILLA

FINLANDE  
SUOMEN AMMATTILIITTOJEN KESKUSJÄRJESTÖ, HELSINKI  
PEKKA OIVIO, OLAVI HANNINEN, ILKKA M. ERICH, JOHAN VON BONSDORFF,  
JARI-PEKKA JYRKANNE, MARKKU TOTOPAINEN

TOIMIHENKILO-JA VIRKAMIESJÄRJESTÖJEN KESKUSLIITO, HELSINKI  
OSO LAAKSO, KARI O. VIRTANEN, TIMO K. VERTANEN

FRANCE  
CONFEDERATION FRANCAISE DEMOCRATIQUE DU TRAVAIL, PARIS  
EDMOND MAIRE, JACQUES MOREAU, ANDRE SOULAT

CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL, PARIS  
GEORGES SEGUY, RENE DUHAMEL, GILBERT JULIS, JOANNES GALLAND,  
LUCIEN CHABROT

GRECE  
CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL  
OINIVOS ANAGNOSTIDIS

HONGRIE  
SZAKSZERVEZETEK ORSZAGOS TANACSA, BUDAPEST  
SANDOR GASPARI, JOSEF TIMMER, KAROLY SZLOVACSIK, FERENC BOGNAR,  
FERENC SZALAY

IRLANDE  
IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS, DUBLIN  
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W. A. LYNCH, P. CASSELLS

ITALIE

CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA DEL LAVORO, ROMA

A. BONACCINI. S. MAGNANI, S. BARBON

CONFEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI SINDICATI DEI LAVORATORI, ROMA

E. CREA, F. MARINI, F. BADUEL. E. GABAGLIO

UNIONE ITALIANA DEL LAVORO, ROMA

V. PAGANI, F. DRAGO

LUXEMBOURG

CONFEDERATION GENERALE DU TRAVAIL, LUXEMBOURG

ROBY MEIS, MATHIAS WARNY, LOUIS RECH

BETZEBUERGER CHRESCHTLECHE GEWERKSCHAFTS-BOND, LUXEMBOURG

JEAN SPAUTZ, MARCEL GLESENER

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MALTE  
GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, VALETTA  
ATTARD KINGSWELL

NORVEGE  
LANDSORGANISASJONEN I NORGE, OSLO  
TOR ASPENGREN, ODD HOJDAHL, LEIF HARALDSETH, TOR HALVORSEN,  
LIV BUCK, KAARE SANDEGREN

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PAYS-BAS  
CHRISTELIJK NATIONAAL VAKVERBOND, UTRECHT  
B. PRONK

FEDERATIE NEDERLANDSE VAKBEWEGING, AMSTERDAM (NVV ET NKV)  
A. DE BRUIN, H.P.W. SCHMITZ, O.G. DE VRIES REILINGH, L. VAN HATTEM  
J. VAN TOL

POLOGNE  
CENTRALNA RADA ZWIAZKOW ZAWODOWYCH WARSZAWA  
WLADYSLAW KRUCZEK, JAN PAWLAK, HENRYK KOWALSKI, WIESLAW SCHOLZ,  
ZDZISLAW CZERWINSKI

PORTUGAL  
CONFEDERATION GENERALE DES TRAVAILLEURS  
PORTUGAIS - INTERSINDICAL NACIONAL, LISBOA  
ALVARO FERNANDES RANA, LUIS MARIA KALIDAS BARRETO,  
ROGERIO DIAS TORRES, AUGUSTO SILVA? MANUEL CORREIA LOPES

ROUMANIE  
CONSILIUL CENTRAL AL SINDICATELOR DIN R.P.R., BUCHAREST  
GHEORGHE PETRESCU, CORNELIA FILIPAS, ION TANASOIU, GAVRILA HENTER

ROYAUME-UNI  
TRADES UNION CONGRESS, LONDON  
J.L. JONES, G. LLOYD, T. PARRY, MARIE PATTERSON, C.T.H. PLANT,  
L. MURRAY, B. BENNETT, J.A. HARGREAVES, R. JACKSON, P. JACQUES,  
A. KOLARZ

SUEDE  
CENTRALORGANISATIONEN SACO/SR, STOCKHOLM  
BENNE LANTZ, OLLE HESSELBORN

LANDSORGANISATIONEN I SVERIGE, STOCKHOLM  
GUNNAR NILSSON, LIEF KHELLSTRAND, ERIK BOLINDER, THORBJORN  
CARLSSON, SUNE AHLEN  
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TJANSTEMANNENS CENTRALORGANISATION, STOCKHOLM  
LENNART BODSTROM, ARNE NILSTEIN, BERTIL AXELSSON, MONICA  
BREIDENSJO, THORD WALLEN

SUISSE  
UNION SYNDICALE SUISSE, BERN  
ANDRE GHELFI, BRUNO MURALT, JEAN CLIVAZ

TCHECOSLOBAQUIE  
USTREDNI RADA ODBORU, PRAHA  
KAREL HOFFMANN, VILIAM KOZIK, ZDENEK GREGOR

TURQUIE  
TURKIYE DEVRIMCI ISCI SENDIKALARI KONFEDERASYONU (DISK), ISTANBUL  
RIZA GUVEN, NEJET FIRZKUHI

U.R.S.S.  
VSESOYUZNY TSENTRALNY SOVET, MOSCOU  
A. SHIBAYEV, P. PIMENOV, G.E. KANAYEV, O.Y. IVANITSKY,  
A.P. SEMENOV, B.P. VLADIMIROV

YUGOSLAVIE  
VECE SAVEZ A SINDIKATA JUGOSLAVIJE, BEOGRAD  
MIKA SPILJAK, MIODRAO, VLAHOVIC, LAZAR COVIC, MIROSLAV ZARIC

OBSERVATEURS  
CONFEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES SYNDICATS LIBRES  
E. SUSSEX

FEDERATION MONDIALE DU TRAVAIL  
GERARD FONTENEAU, GILLES FRENETTE

FEDERATION SYNDICALE MONDIALE  
P. GENSOUS, B. AVERIANOV, A. FANTIS, C. DE ANGELI

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CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES SYNDICATS  
DARIO MARIOLI

NORDENS FACKLIGA SAMORGANISATION, STOCKHOLM  
RICHARD TRAEELNES  
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3. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE: BEGIN TEXT

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS

1. THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS MET IN GENEVA ON 5-6 MARCH 1977; 42 NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTRES FROM 28 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE TOOK PART. A LIST IS ATTACHED.

2. THE CONFERENCE CONSIDERED A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF PARTICIPATING NATIONAL CENTRES IN THE FIELD OF THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND THE USE OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES, PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SINCE THE EUROPEAN TRADE  
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UNION CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1975. THE REPORT WAS BASED ON MORE DETAILED REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL CENTERS AND SUMMARISED BY A GROUP OF EXPERTS APPOINTED BY THE FOUR EUROPEAN WORKERS' MEMBERS OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY ACTING ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFERENCE.

3. THE CONFERENCE ALSO CONSIDERED A PRELIMINARY DOCUMENT ON TRADE UNION EDUCATION AND TRAINING WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED AS A FURTHER AREA FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN NATIONAL CENTRES DIRECTLY AND THROUGH THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE ILO.

4. THE CONFERENCE MADE A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESS OF CO-OPERATION AMONG TRADE UNIONS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY 1974

IN GENEVA AND CONFIRMED THE USEFULNESS AND DESIRABILITY OF THE REGULAR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY ALL TRADE UNION CENTRES IN EUROPE ON PROBLEMS AFFECTING WORKING PEOPLE. THE BROAD AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH TOOK PLACE CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION TO THE TRADE UNIONS AND WORKERS OF ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

5. THE CONFERENCE RECALLED THAT THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE HAD ASKED NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTRES TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD WORK ACTIVELY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL TO HUMANISE THE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WORKING PEOPLE IN THE ENTERPRISES OF THEIR VARIOUS COUNTRIES. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT A NUMBER OF NOTABLE ADVANCES HAD BEEN MADE, AND THAT THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN NATIONAL CENTRES BEFORE AND DURING THE PRESENT CONFERENCE HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL. THE CONFERENCE AGREED THAT FURTHER WORK SHOULD CONTINUE ON THE SAME BASIS AND SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO WIDER QUESTIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND OF THE EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

6. THE CONFERENCE ALSO DECIDED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL CENTRES THE DOCUMENT ON TRADE UNION EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ASKING THEM TO CONSIDER HOW THEY MIGHT  
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DEVELOP EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, BEARING IN MIND THE LINKS BETWEEN THE WORKING AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING. THE CONFERENCE, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND BETWEEN IDEOLOGICAL VIEWS, HELD THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF EXCHANGES AND CO-OPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTRES CONFORMED TO THE PRESENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES.

7. THEY ACCEPTED THAT CO-OPERATION WAS POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE ON TRADE UNION ISSUES, AND AGREED THAT THIS CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS HAD ACHIEVED ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF EVALUATING PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELDS OUTLINED IN 1975. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE EVALUATION HAD CONFIRMED THE VALUE OF THESE EXCHANGES AND HAD SHOWN POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER MUTUAL EXCHANGES. THE CONFERENCE THEREFORE DECIDED TO ASK THE EUROPEAN WORKERS' MEMBERS OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY TO INVITE EUROPEAN NATIONAL CENTERS TO CONSIDER HOLDING A FURTHER CONFERENCE IN EARLY 1979. IF POSSIBLE THIS FURTHER CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE THE THIRD EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO.

8. THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO ASK THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ILO TO STUDY THE DOCUMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED, AND TO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS FUTURE PROGRAMMES OF WORK. ON THE BASIS OF THESE REPORTS, HOW THEY COULD CONTINUE THEIR WORK AT THE NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVELS TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WORKING



ENVIRONMENT AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON TRADE  
UNION EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS.

9. THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION TO THE  
ILO FOR ENABLING THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON ITS PREMISES.  
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4. AGUIRIANO SUMMED UP THE CONFERENCE BY SAYING IT  
WAS A NON-EVENT WHICH WAS INTENDED BY ICFTU AFFILIATES  
TO AVOID MORE HARMFUL MEETINGS ELSEWHERE (IF, FOR INSTANCE,  
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THE ILO AGREED TO HOLD EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCES  
EVERY THREE YEARS, AGUIRIANO SAID THERE WOULD BE NO  
NEED FOR THIS SORT OF EAST-WEST CONFERENCE). SINCE  
MUCH WILL CHANGE IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AGUIRIANO BELIEVES  
THAT THE CONCLUSIONS IN THE CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE ARE  
MEANINGLESS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD  
NOT SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING AN ONGOING SECRETARIAT  
AND THAT THE ITINERARY AND AGENDA OF FUTURE CONFERENCES  
WERE STILL IN THE HAND OF THE FOUR EUROPEAN MEMBERS  
OF THE WORKERS GROUP OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY.  
ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNIQUE PROPOSES ANOTHER CONFERENCE  
IN 1979, NO DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER THE  
ILO GOVERNING BODY ELECTION IN JUNE OF 1978; THE GB  
ELECTION, ELECTION IN NATIONAL CENTERS, AND THE  
GROWING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE VALUE OF DETENTE  
MAKE AGUIRIANO DOUBTFUL THAT THE 1979 CONFERENCE WILL  
TAKE PLACE.

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5. AGUIRANO SAID THE CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE (PARA THREE ABOVE) WOULD BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE (WE GET THE IMPRESSION IT WILL BE RELEASED OFFICIALLY NEXT WEEK). HE SAID THE SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE HAD NOT BEEN EXPANDED DESPITE COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO INCLUDE OTHER TOPICS; THE CONFERENCE PAPER ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING HAD ONLY BEEN REFERRED TO NATIONAL CENTERS FOR ACTION AND THE SUBJECT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ON THE AGENDA OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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THE NEXT CONFERENCE. (THE ORIGINAL PAPER SUBMITTED BY KANAYEV WAS SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS REPRESENTING THE FOUR EUROPEAN GB MEMBERS; PLANT OF THE TUC; SUNDE OF THE ILO; MUHR OF THE DGB AND PIMENOV OF THE AUCCTU.

6. SEGUY OF THE FRENCH CGT PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT CONFERENCE DISCUSS VIOLATIONS OF THE TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND EDMOND MAIRE EXPANDED THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS. THE ITALIAN PARTICIPANTS VOICED SOME GENERALLY SUPPORTAIVE REMARKS BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER SUPPORT. SEGUY LATER DOLD THE PRESS THAT ONLY THE FRENCH WANTED THIS TYPE OF DISCUSSION. AGUIRANO BELIEVES SEGUY WAS BIDDING FOR HEADLINES JUST BEFORE THE FRENCH ELECTION. HE UNDERLINED THAT CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT MENTION HUMAN RIGHTS OR TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND THAT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

7. OF INTEREST TO AGUIRIANO AND HIS ASSISTANT, SUSSEX, WAS THE REMARK BY HUNGARIAN SANDOR GASPAR THAT PEOPLE WHO SAY THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS IN EASTERN EUROPE ARE EITHER FOOLS OR SHOULD HAVE STATUES; THEY SAW A CONTRAST WITH THE USUAL STATEMENTS BY EE "TRADE UNIONISTS" THAT THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS IN "SOCIALIST"

COUNTRIES AND ONLY WESTERN DIFFICULTIES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

8. AGUIRIANO POINTED OUT THAT WCL GENERAL SECRETARY

KULAKOWSKI DID NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE; THUS, NEITHER THE WCL NOR THE ICFTU HAD HIGH RANKING OBSERVERS. AGUIRIANO DID NOT ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS AN ICFTU REP BUT AS SECRETARY OF THE WORKERS GROUP OF ILO GOVERNING BODY.

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9. COMMENT: AGUIRIANO'S EXPLANATION STRIKES US AS A LITTLE THIN AND IN THE FAMILIR VEIN OF PAINTING A PICTURE WHICH INCLUDES ULTIMATE RETURN OF THE AFL-CIO TO THE ICFTU. INDEED, MUCH MAY CHANGE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS BUT NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE WHAT THE CHANGES WILL BE. FROM A VOSIET POINT A VIEW, THEY HAVE AVOIDED SERIOUS DISPUTES WITH THE WE LABOR MOVEMENTS AT THIS CONFERENCE, HAD A DISCUSSION OF THEIR PAPER ON WORKERS EDUCATION WHICH RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSION, (AND CONSEQUENT BROADENING OF FUTURE AGENDAS), AND THEY HAVE A COMMITMENT FOR A FOLLOWUP CONFERENCE IN 1979. PARA SEVEN OF THE CONCLUSIONS (SEE PARA THREE ABOVE) STRIKES US AS THE SORT OF RECOGNITION AND RESPECTABILITY THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN AIMING AT. SOME OF AGUIRIANO'S UNCERTAINTY ABOUT A FUTURE CONFERENCE MAY STEM FROM THE COST OF THIS ONE (36,000 SWISS FRANCS); THE DGB, TUC AND LO COULD CONCLUDE THEY GOT LESS FOR THEIR MONEY THAN THE SOVIETS END COMMENT CATTO

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